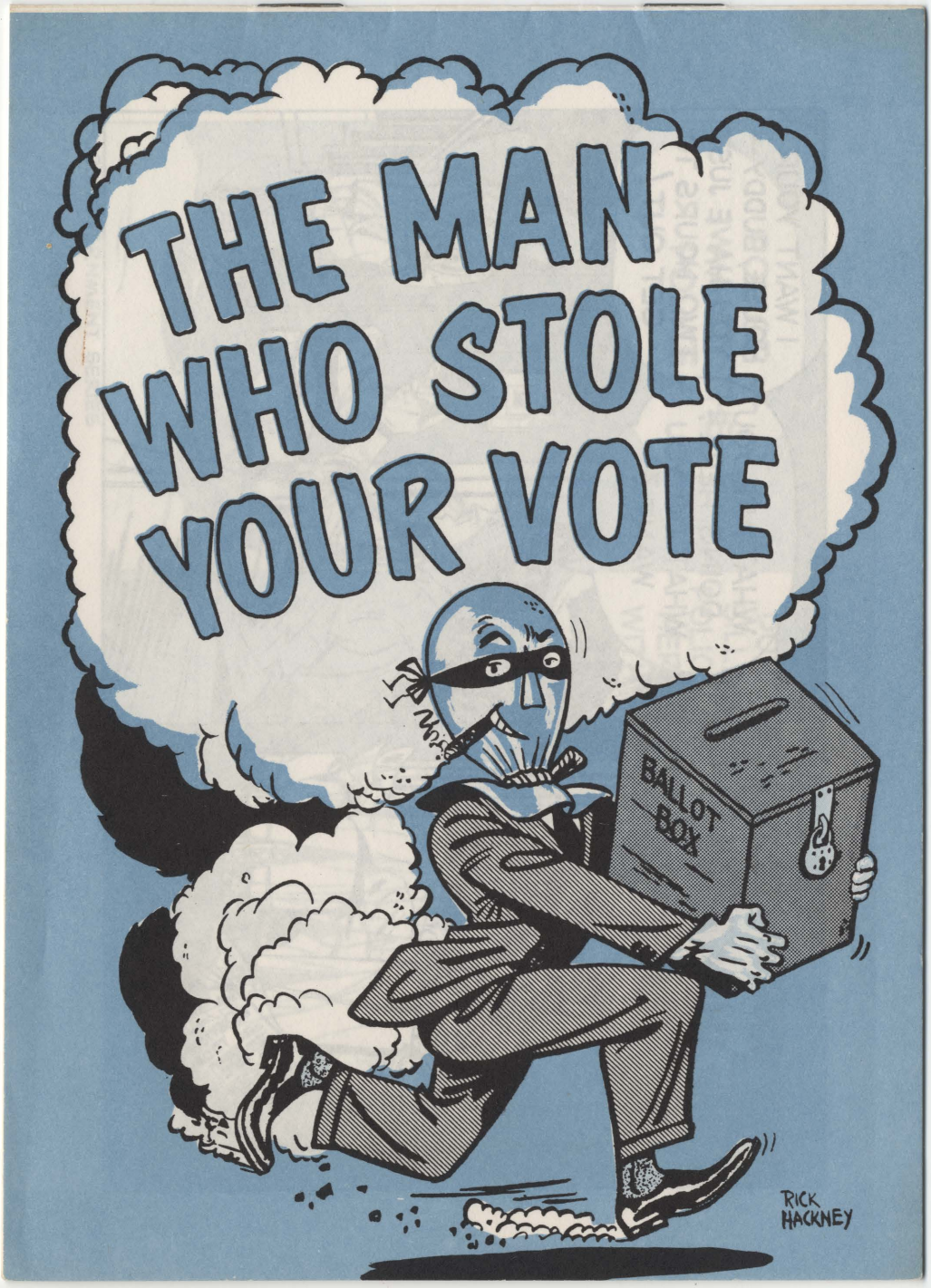

THE MAN WHO STOLE YOUR VOTE
BALLOT BOX
RICK HACKNEY

GOOD GOVERNMENT SERIES

I'LL CALL THE GOVERNOR!
I CONTROL HIM — AND THE SENATOR — THEY OWE THEIR JOBS TO ME!

BUT — HOW DID YOU GET ALL THIS POWER?

REMEMBER EARLIER TONIGHT?

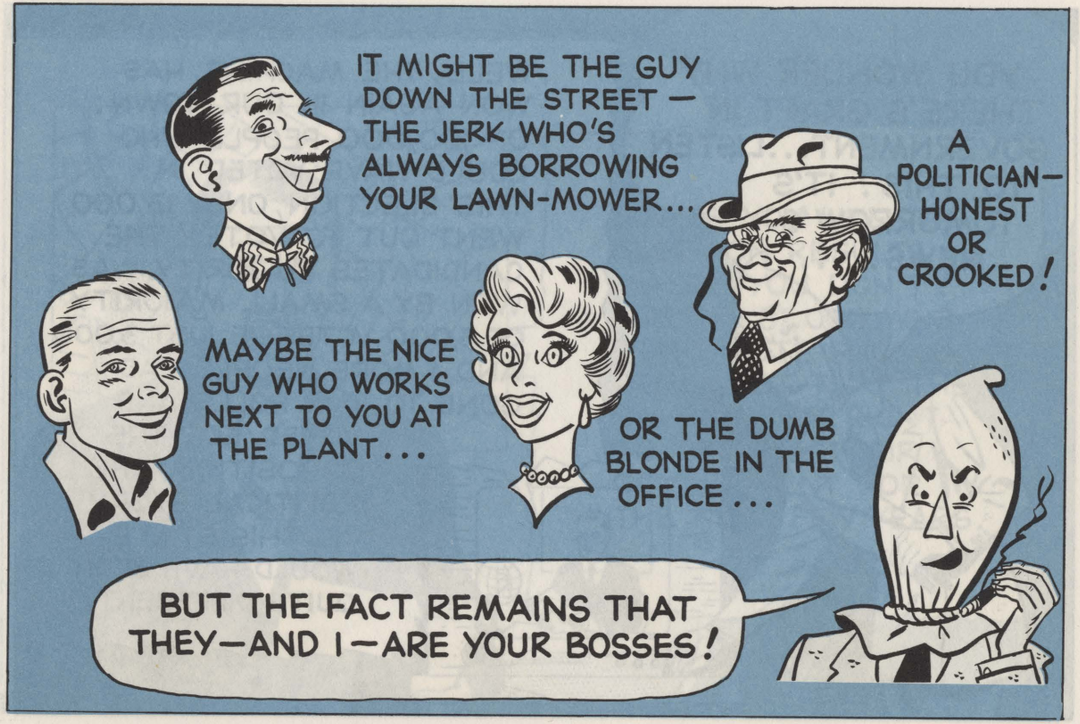
FRED, IF WE'RE GOING TO THE POLLS TONIGHT, WE'D BETTER HURRY!
OH, IT'S SUCH A BAD NIGHT— THEY'LL NEVER MISS US!

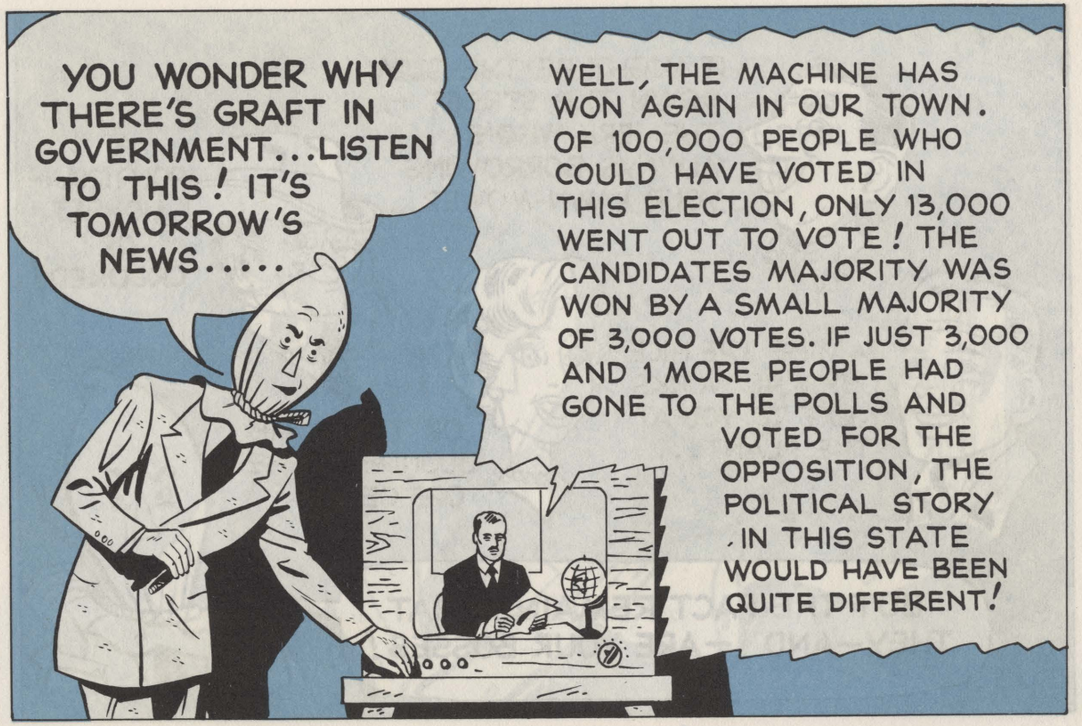
THAT'S WHEN IT HAPPENED. YOU DIDN'T VOTE, SO I—TOOK—YOUR VOTE.
TOOK IT—YOU STOLE IT!

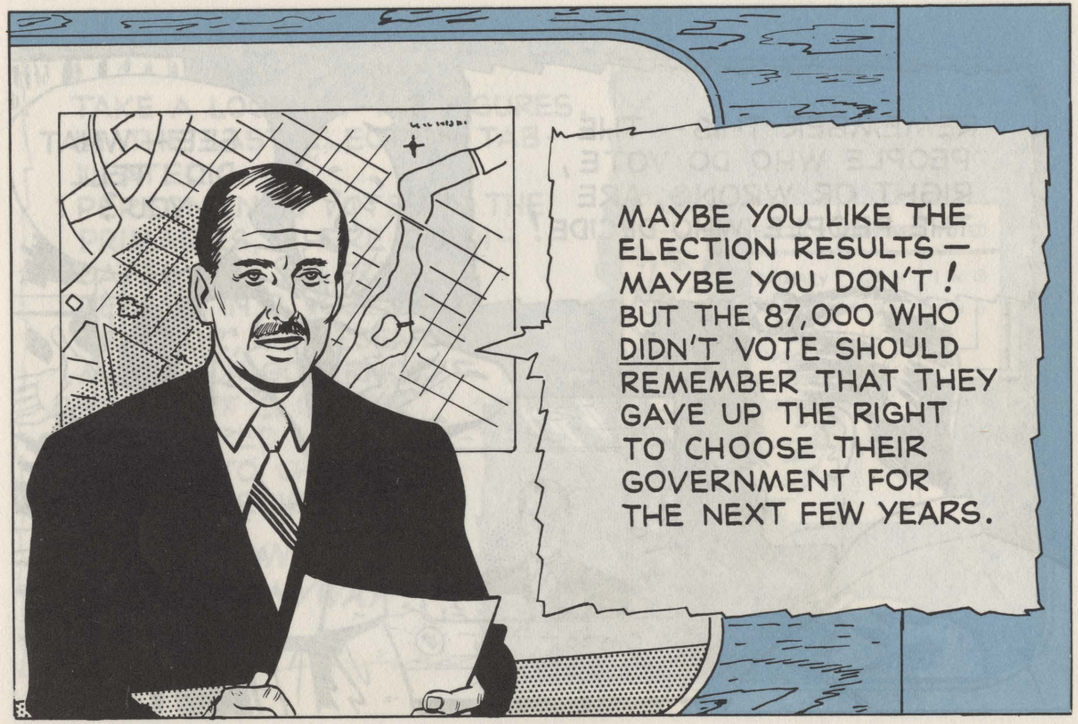
YOU FOOL! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT WHEN YOU DON'T VOTE, MY VOTE COUNTS TWICE? WHEN YOU AND YOUR WIFE DIDN'T VOTE, MY VOTE COUNTED FOR THREE VOTES! THAT'S HOW I GET MY POWER!

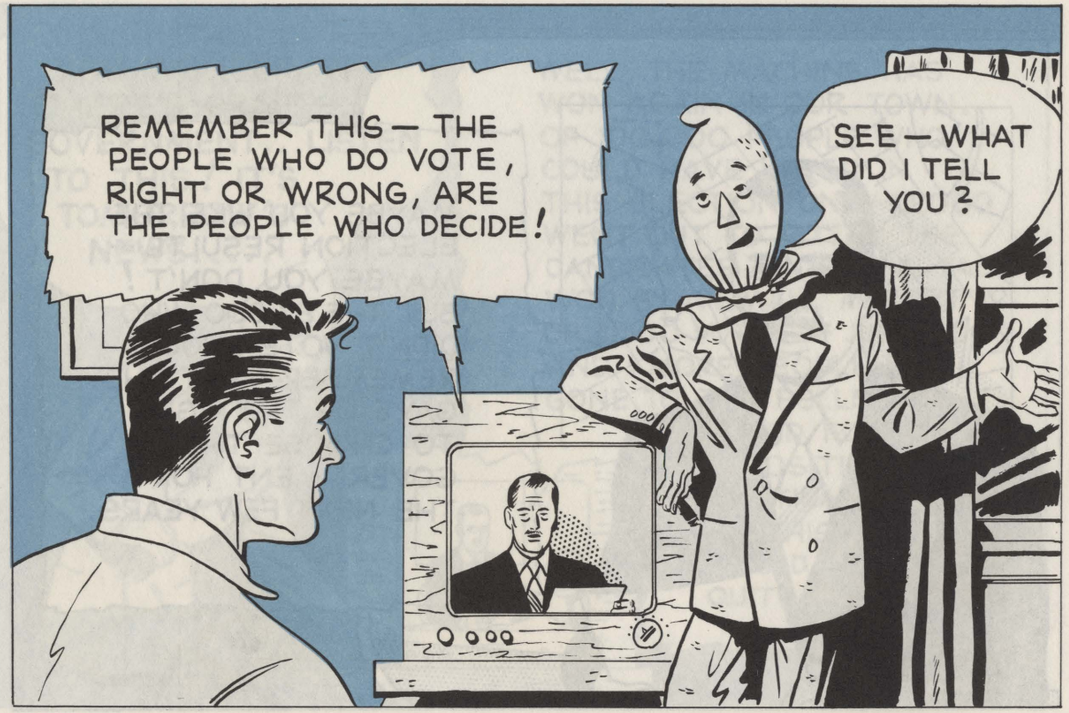
IN THE ELECTION TONIGHT ONLY 13 PEOPLE OUT OF EVERY 100 VOTED! THAT MEANS THAT I—AND 12 OTHER PEOPLE—
—DECIDED FOR 100 PEOPLE WHO THE MAYOR WILL BE, WHO THE GOVERNOR WILL BE. WE EVEN DECIDE WHO IS GOING TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT!

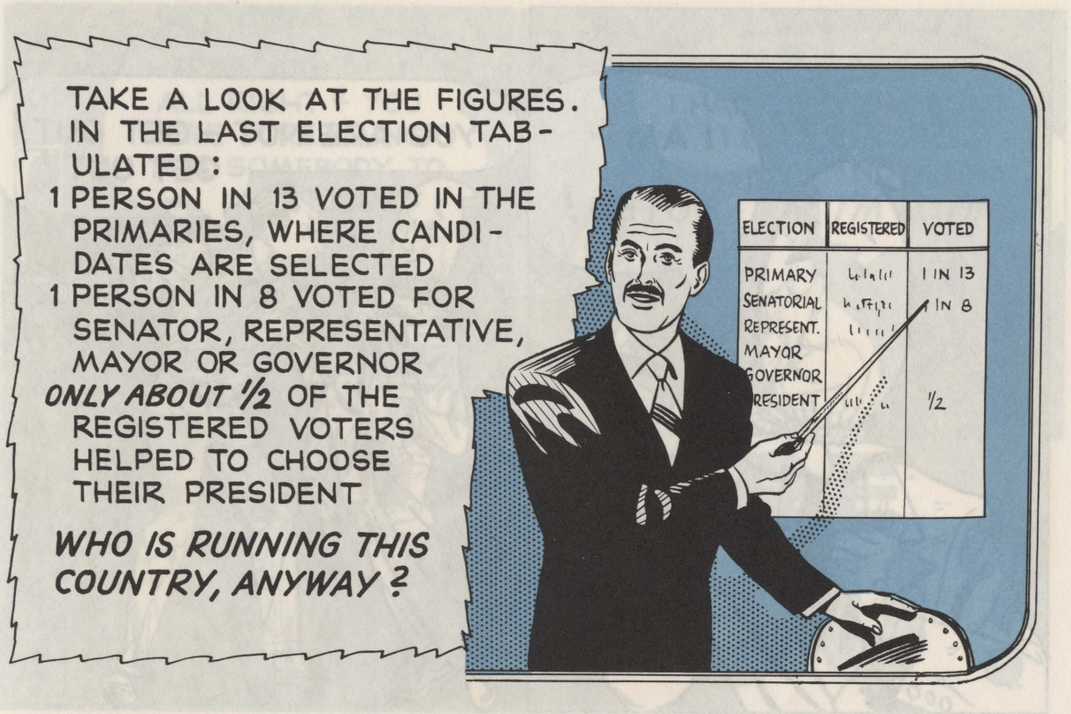
WHILE ALL YOU STAY-AT-HOMES SAT COMFORTABLY, YOUR FUTURE WAS BEING DECIDED BY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE WHO WENT TO THE POLLS!

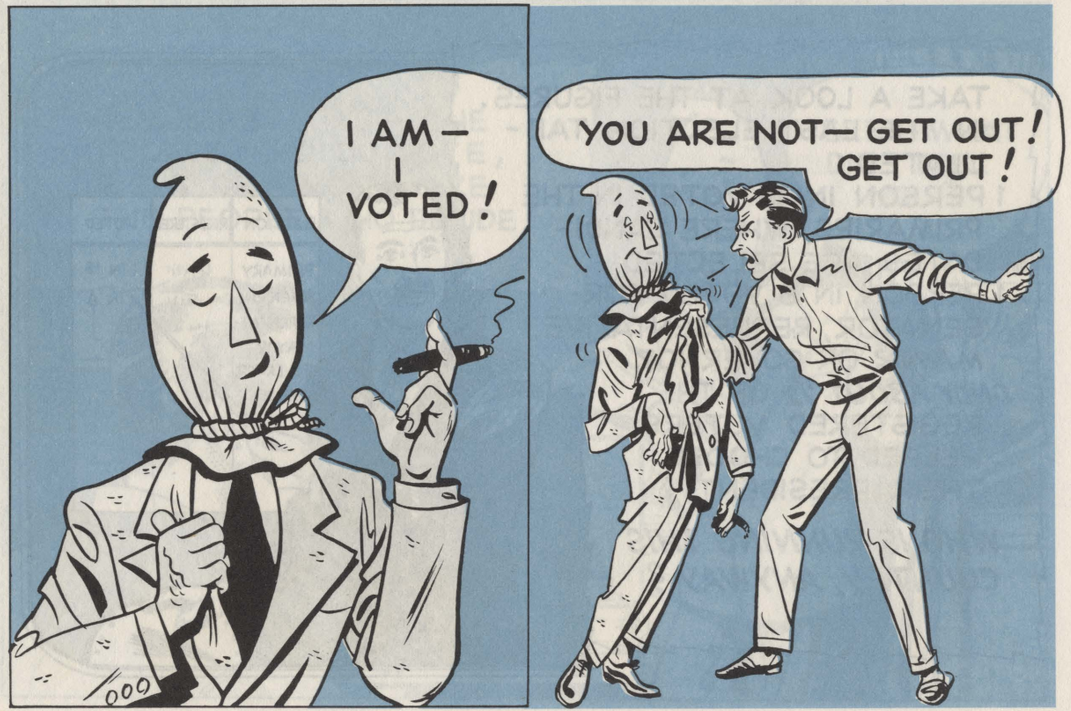

IT MIGHT BE THE GUY DOWN THE STREET — THE JERK WHO'S ALWAYS BORROWING YOUR LAWN-MOWER...
A POLITICIAN— HONEST OR CROOKED!
MAYBE THE NICE GUY WHO WORKS NEXT TO YOU AT THE PLANT...
OR THE DUMB BLONDE IN THE OFFICE...
BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT THEY—AND I—ARE YOUR BOSSES!


YOU WONDER WHY THERE'S GRAFT IN GOVERNMENT...LISTEN TO THIS! IT'S TOMORROW'S NEWS.....
WELL, THE MACHINE HAS WON AGAIN IN OUR TOWN. OF 100,000 PEOPLE WHO COULD HAVE VOTED IN THIS ELECTION, ONLY 13,000 WENT OUT TO VOTE! THE CANDIDATES MAJORITY WAS WON BY A SMALL MAJORITY OF 3,000 VOTES. IF JUST 3,000 AND 1 MORE PEOPLE HAD GONE TO THE POLLS AND VOTED FOR THE OPPOSITION, THE POLITICAL STORY IN THIS STATE WOULD HAVE BEEN QUITE DIFFERENT!

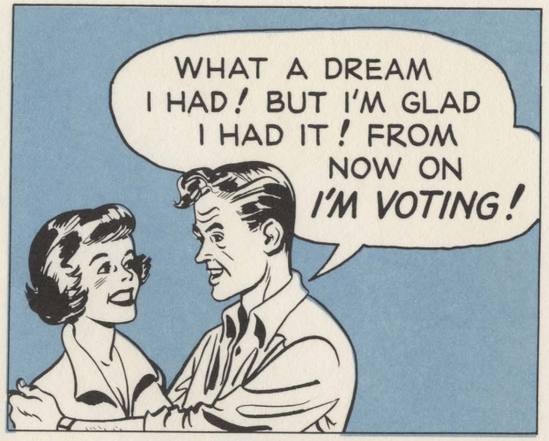

MAYBE YOU LIKE THE ELECTION RESULTS — MAYBE YOU DON'T! BUT THE 87,000 WHO DIDN'T VOTE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THEY GAVE UP THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR GOVERNMENT FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS.


REMEMBER THIS — THE PEOPLE WHO DO VOTE, RIGHT OR WRONG, ARE THE PEOPLE WHO DECIDE!
SEE — WHAT DID I TELL YOU?


TAKE A LOOK AT THE FIGURES. IN THE LAST ELECTION TABULATED:
1 PERSON IN 13 VOTED IN THE PRIMARIES, WHERE CANDIDATES ARE SELECTED
1 PERSON IN 8 VOTED FOR SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE, MAYOR OR GOVERNOR
ONLY ABOUT 1/2 OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS HELPED TO CHOOSE THEIR PRESIDENT
WHO IS RUNNING THIS COUNTRY, ANYWAY?
ELECTION
REGISTERED
VOTED
PRIMARY
1 IN 13
SENATORIAL
REPRESENT.
1 IN 8
MAYOR
GOVERNOR
RESIDENT
1/2


I AM— I VOTED!
YOU ARE NOT— GET OUT! GET OUT!

FRED! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU WERE SCREAMING FOR SOMEBODY TO GET OUT!


WHAT A DREAM I HAD! BUT I'M GLAD I HAD IT! FROM NOW ON I'M VOTING!

ARE YOU?